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advised that police be detailed by the mayor to guard these houses in accordance with the health officer's directions.

As regards the efficiency of the present isolation in their homes, this is a question on which one must hold the gravest doubts in spite of the most favorable reports.

I advised that during desquamation the patients' bodies be kept well oiled, and that they be given baths of bichloride of mercury. While visiting infected homes I suggested several times to the health officer that the proper disinfection of the houses was a large undertaking and pressed the point that I would give a practical demonstration of the correct manner in which to use sulphur and formaldehyde if he would get a house, but this suggestion was apparently not very warmly received and during a day and a half no indication was made to accept my offer. He said that they had a Lentz generator, and I expressed a desire to see it and test it, but this was not done. I asked what strength of formalin they had and he did not know. I put my nose to the mouth of a can of formalin which he had in his office and was able to sniff it freely.

I asked if they had roll sulphur, and he said he did not know, but that they could send for it.

Although unsolicited, I advised that mattresses and pillows be burned, all bedclothing and personal clothing be boiled half an hour, the patients' bodies bathed in bichlorid, and the floors, walls, and furniture be well washed in bichlorid 1:1,000.

I advised that sulphur was the best gaseous disinfectant in the proportion of 5 pounds per 1,000 cubic feet, and to keep the room closed for twenty-four hours. I advised that in the small number of cases where sulphur would be impracticable on account of hangings and metal work, they use the generator they had, using 10 ounces of 40 per cent formalin per 1,000 cubic feet, first sealing the rooms tightly and then leaving them closed twenty-four hours. I told them to keep the patients isolated as long as the bottoms of the pocks were red and exfoliating.

I believe the only disinfection which has yet been done was on the cell in the jail where the first case occurred.

On the second day of my stay at Martinsburg the health officer called a meeting of the doctors of the city at his office, and I met physicians who saw some of the first cases of the present epidemic, which were diagnosed as syphilis, chickenpox, and an "eruption due to taking Captain John's spring medicine." Some of the physicians advised a house-to-house inspection and vaccination, and others maintained that it could not be enforced.

In my opinion there will be more cases of smallpox at Martinsburg.

Case of leprosy from S. S. Siberia at Angel Island returned to Honolulu.

[Telegram.]

QUARANTINE STATION,
Angel Island, California, May 27, 1904.

WYMAN, Washington:

One case leprosy removed from steamship *Siberia* to station to-day will return to Honolulu on same vessel.

CUMMING.